

With hotels like these, who needs art galleries? From Barcelona to Beijing, nine places to stay that are packed with stunning masterpieces

- · Celebrated artist Antony Gormley gets top billing at The Beaumont in London with his notable art work ROOM
- · Guest can enjoy works by Chagall, Gauguin, Matisse and Toulouse-Lautrec at Merchant House Hotel, Bahrain
- · Hotel ChÂteau du Grand-Lucé in the Loire Valley has fabrics on display from designer Jean Paul Gaultier

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Gaze at a Matisse before breakfast and a Chagall before bed? It's now possible, thanks to serious art collections on show in hotels around the world.

Here we round up nine of the very finest...

Hotel ChÂteau du Grand-Lucé, Loire Valley



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Check in: Newly opened as a luxury hotel, this chateau is one of the finest remaining examples of 18th Century French neoclassical architecture. Its former owner, Baron Jacques Pineau de Viennay, demanded the best and got it, from the creamy white tuffeau (limestone) quarried nearby to the best furnishing and finishes, including painted walls by the artist Jean Baptiste Pillement. His only other examples today are found in just one place, the Petit Trianon, Marie Antoinette's private garden palace at Versailles.

The collection: Outstanding art includes murals depicting a fanciful life in Asia in the chinoiserie style, painted on canvas-covered walls in the aptly named Salon Chinois – once the Baron's private drawing room. Guests can wander among art from a number of centuries, with fabrics on display from designers including Christian Lacroix and Jean Paul Gaultier.

Price tag: Rooms from €350 a night (chateaugrandluce.com).